

VERSION TO SHOW MARKED CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS

(Changed) 14. A motor as claimed in claim 12 wherein the thrust bearings are planar.

(Changed) 15. A motor as claimed in claim 5 wherein the thrust bearings are conical.

(Changed) 16. A motor as claimed in claim 10 wherein the air thrust bearing comprises a gap of less than 0.001/min.

(Changed) 17. In a spindle motor for a disc drive including a hub supporting one or more discs for rotation about a central axis and shaft of a motor, the shaft and a sleeve surrounding the shaft and supporting the hub on an outer surface thereof for rotation around the shaft defining a gap between the shaft and the surrounding sleeve, the sleeve being supported for rotation relative to the shaft by a fluid bearing system comprising first and second thrust bearings supported on the shaft and separated by the shaft, each of the thrust bearings comprising a thrust bearing element having a surface facing a cooperating surface of the sleeve, one of the thrust bearing having a fluid in a gap between the surface of the thrust bearing element and the cooperating surface of the sleeve, the other of the thrust bearings including air in a gap between the surface of the thrust bearing element and the sleeve.

(Changed) 20. A motor as claimed in claim 17 wherein the thrust bearing comprising air in the gap is less than 0.001mm.